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AND AID AGREEMENTS WITH AFGHANISTAN

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1. PRAVDA, MAY 24, REPORTS SIGNING IN MOSCOW PREVIOUS DAY
OF TRADE PROTOCOL FOR 1978 BETWEEN USSR AND DEMOCRATIC
REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN. NO FURTHER INFORMATION IS GIVEN
OTHER THAN THAT PROTOCOL FORESEES FURTHER INCREASE IN
VOLUME OF TWO-WAY TRADE.

2. SAME ISSUE ALSO CONTAINS REPORT FROM KABUL ON SIGNING
OF A NUMBER OF CONTRACTS INVOLVING SOVIET-AFGHAN ECONOMIC,
TECHNICAL AND COMMERCIAL COOPERATION. SPECIFIC PROJECTS
MENTIONED ARE AMONG THOSE ALREADY REPORTED REFTELS: AINAK
COPPER COMBINE, EXPANSION OF MAZAR-I-SHARIF POWER PLANT,
AND EXPORT OF EQUIPMENT "FOR BROADENING THE FRONT OF
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GEOLOGICAL EXPLORATORY WORK FOR OIL, GAS AND OTHER
MINERALS."

3. AFGHAN DESK OFFICER SHUMINOV TOLD EMBOFF MAY 24 THAT
1978 TRADE AGREEMENT WAS ROUTINE AND LIKE CONTRACTS
(PARA TWO ABOVE) IT HAD BEEN NEGOTIATED PRIOR TO
"REVOLUTION." THE AFGHANS, HE CLAIMED, HAD URGED SOVIETS

TO EXPEDITE SIGNING SO AS TO SPEED UP ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. SHUMINOV STATED THAT, AS NOTED IN AMIN-GROMYKO COMMUNIQUE, BOTH SIDES ENVISION A WIDENING OF ALL-AROUND COOPERATION IN THE FUTURE, INCLUDING IN THE ECONOMIC SPHERE.

4. COMMENT: IT IS NOT UNUSUAL FOR SOVIET PRESS REPORTS TO REPORT SUCH CONTRACTS IN GENERAL NON-SPECIFIC TERMS. THIS ALLOWS THEM TO EXAGGERATE EXTENT AND IMPORTANCE OF ACTUAL AGREEMENTS. IN THIS CASE, TWO ITEMS STRIKE US WHEN COMPARING SOVIET PRESS REPORT WITH INFORMATION IN REFTELS: (1) PRAVDA PRESENTS AGREEMENT ON AINAK COPPER MINE IN SUCH A WAY THAT READER WILL BELIEVE CONTRACT CALL FOR SOVIET PARTICIPATION IN ITS ACTUAL CONSTRUCTION RATHE THAN IN FEASIBILITY STUDY; (2) PRAVDA DESCRIBES THE OIL, GAS AND MINING EQUIPMENT AS INTENDED FOR EXPLORATORY WORK RATHER THAN EXPLOITATION. ALTHOUGH AMOUNTS INVOLVED IN THESE AGREEMENTS (NOT GIVEN BY PRAVDA) MAY NOT BE PARTICULARLY GREAT, SOVIET PREPAREDNESS TO MOVE SO EXPEDITIOUSLY TO AID OF NEW REGIME IS SIGNIFICANT IN ITSELF. MATLOCK

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